कमियों, बारम्बार उपस्कर खराबी आदि के फलस्वरूप अल्प क्षमता उपयोगिता के कारण ये संयंत्र सफल नहीं हुए हैं। दीर्घावधिक पॉवर कटौतियों/पावर पाबंदियों ने भी इन संयंत्रों के निष्पादन को प्रभावित किया।

(घ) और (ङ) रामागुण्डम तथा तालचर संयंत्रों का संतोषजनक निष्पादन स्थापित होने तक कोरबा संयंत्र का कार्यान्वियन आस्थगित रखा गया था। कोयले पर आधारित दो संयंत्रों के घटिया निष्पादन को ध्यान में रखते हुए, कोरबा परियोजना को अन्ततः बन्द करने का निर्णय फरवरी, 1990 में लिया गया था।

Fixing of retention price of drugs

1275 SHRI RAJNI RANJAN SAHU : Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state :

(a) whether any funds have been used for any of the purposes after the promulgation of DPCO, 1987, if so, the details thereof; and

(b) whether Government still have the power to fix retention price alongwith common sale price/pooled priced for any of the drugs if so, the details of the drugs for which such prices have been fixed under the DPCO, 1987 ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI EDUARDO FALEIRO) : (a) After the promulgation of Drugs (Prices Control) Order, 1987, (DPCO) an amount of Rs. 497.77 lakhs has been used for the payment to the manufacturers as per provisions of Para 17(2)(a) of DPCO, 1979 and Para 14(2) of the said order. Further an amount of Rs. 5.60 lakhs has been paid out of the Drug Prices Equalisation Account fund for the Study related to Pharmaceutical industry.

(b) There is no such concept in DPCO, 1987.

Affairs of Bengal Immunity, M/s Bengal Chemicals and M/s Smith Stanistreet

1276. SHRI RAJNI RANJAN SAHU : Will the MINISTER OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state :

(a) what concrete achievements have been made in nationalising M/s Bengal Immunity Ltd. M/s Bengal Chemicals and M/s Smith Stanistreet;

(b) what are the details of money pumped in by Government after nationalisation and what have been the losses each year;

(c) whether it is a fact that products being produced by them are also produced by a number of other companies, if so, the names of such products as well as of other companies; and

(d) the reasons for which Government are wasting its resources on these companies when there are no hopes of their revival as per lates indication ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI EDUARDO FALEIRO): (a) The erstwhile Bengal Immunity Company Ltd., Bengal Chemicals and Pharmaceutical Works and Smith Stanistreet Pharmaceuticals Ltd. were nationalised in public interest in accordance with the objectives set-forth in the respective Nationalisation Act.

(b) The information as on 31-3-93 is given in the Annexure enclosed. [*See* Appendix/170 Annexure No. 26.]

(c) Yes, Sir. These companies are producing mainly pharmaceutical formulations for which there are several other manufacturers.

(d) In compliance with the provisions of the Sick Industrial Companies (Special Provisions) Act, 1985, these sick companies have been referred to the Board for Industrial and Financial Reconstruction (BIFR). The revival or otherwise of these companies will depend upon the orders of the BIFR.

Writ petitions filed by drug companies

1277. SHRI RAJNI RANJAN SAHU : Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that several drug companies have filed writ petitions in various courts in the matter of recovery into the DPEA;

(b) if so, what are the names of such companies, when each of them filed a Writ Petition, what is the present position in each case and what steps Government have taken to expedite decision ;

(c) what are the details of other Writ Petitions filed against Government, when they were filed and whether counter affidavits have been filed in each case and if so, when; and

(d) the reasons for which all the Writ Petitions have not been clubbed together and brought before the Supreme Court to expedite the recovery ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI EDUARDO FLEIRO) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) to (d) To the extent information available, the details asked for are given in the statement annexed. The pending Writ Petitions filed by drug companies in various High Courts, are being pursued. As a result recoveries/Bank guarantees to the extent indicated in Col. 6 against S. No. 1, 2, 3, 4 & 8 have been obtained. [*See* Appendix 170, Annexure 27.]

Monopoly in the manufacture of drugs

1278. SHRI RAJNI RANJAN SAHU : Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state :

(a) whether Indian companies have monopoly in the manufacture of any of the bulk drugs; if so, what steps have been taken to break this monopoly;

(b) whether it is a fact that anumber of drugs of multinational companies having monopoly have been kept outside price control and if so, what are their names ;

(c) whether it is also a fact that criteria for decontrol are not applicable in their case, if so, on what basis their drugs are kept outside price control; and

(d) what are the names of such drugs and formulations based thereon, whose prices have increased by more than 50 percent after the announcement of DPCO, 1987 ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI EDUARDO FALEIRO) : (a) to (c) The various aspects including inclusions/exclusions of drugs is part of the Review of the Drug Policy, 1986 and decisions thereon are in the advanced stage of consideration.

(d) The number of bulk drugs and their formulations in various dosage forms, strengths and pack sizes runs into thousands. Time and labour involved in the collection and compilation of the desired information would not be commensurate with the results likely to be achieved.

Metronidazole procured by M/s. Rhone Poulanee

1279. SHRI RAJNI RANJAN SAHU : Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that large quantities of Metronidazole are being procured by M/s Rhone Poulance from 1979 onwards at a price lower than the notified price;

(b) whether it is also a fact that the company has failed to furnish the details of quantity procured and the rate of procurement and as a result the, amount liable to be recovered has not been recovered from them;

(c) whether it is also a fact that instead of getting the details, they have been shielded and

(d) what steps have been taken to assess their liability to pay in respect of Metronidazole and its salts under Para 7(2) of DPCO, 1979 ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI EDUARDO FALEIRO) : (a) to (d) M/s Rhone Poulence was issued notice and then several reminders to submit the required data to work out the liability under Para 7(2) of DPCO, 1979 in respect of bulk drug Metronidazole. Against the notice, the company had requested for personal hearing which was granted to them in June, 1993 in which the company had raised some legal issues which have been referred to Ministry of Law for advice.

DL-2 Aminobutanol and D-Tartaric Acid

1280. PROF. I. G. SANADI :
SHRI ANANT RAM JAISWAL : Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to refer to answer to UNSTARRED Question 2083 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 12th August, 1993 and state :

(a) whether complaints of misutilization of